

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Claim 1 (currently amended): A recording/reproducing mixer, comprising:
a recording/reproducing device that records and/or reproduces a plurality of audio signals in/from a plurality of tracks;
a track selector that selects a track of said recording/reproducing device;
a reader that reads audio signals of the selected track of said recording/reproducing device;
a mixing processing device that executes at least one process of equalizing, volume adjustment[[,]] and effect addition on ~~the read~~ a plurality of audio signals from a plurality of input channels before mixing the plurality of audio signals;
a designator that designates a listening mode; and
~~an output controller~~ a monitor output controller that directly outputs the ~~read~~ audio signals read from the selected track of said recording/reproducing device while bypassing said mixing processing device when the listening mode is designated, and outputs the ~~read~~ audio signals read from the selected track of said recording/reproducing device via said ~~mixing processing~~ device when the listening mode is not designated.

Claim 2 (original): A recording/reproducing mixer according to claim 1, further comprising a read starting position designator that designates a read starting position of audio signals,
wherein said reader starts reading from a position designated by said read starting position designator.

Claim 3 (original): A recording/reproducing mixer according to claim 1, further comprising a position memory that memorizes a read starting position immediately before an operation mode is changed to the listening mode,
wherein said reader starts reading audio signals starting at the read starting position memorized in said position memory, after the listening mode is terminated.

Claim 4 (currently amended): A recording/reproducing mixing method for a mixer having a recording/reproducing device that records and reproduces a plurality of audio signals in/from a plurality of tracks, the method comprising the steps of:

- (a) selecting a track of the recording/reproducing device;
- (b) reading audio signals of the selected track of said recording/reproducing device;
- (c) mixing processing at least one process of equalizing, volume adjustment and effect addition on the read a plurality of audio signals from a plurality of input channels before mixing the plurality of audio signals;
- (d) designating a listening mode; and
- (e) directly outputting the read audio signals read from the selected track of said recording/reproducing device while bypassing said mixing-device processing when the listening mode is designated, and outputting the read audio signals read from the selected track of said recording/reproducing device via said mixing-device processing when the listening mode is not designated.

Claim 5 (currently amended): A storage medium storing a program, which a computer executes to realize a recording/reproducing mixing process for a mixer having a recording/reproducing device that records and reproduces a plurality of audio signals in/from a plurality of tracks, the process comprising the instructions of:

- (a) selecting a track of the recording/reproducing device;
- (b) reading audio signals of the selected track of said recording/reproducing device;
- (c) mixing processing at least one process of equalizing, volume adjustment and effect addition on the read a plurality of audio signals from a plurality of input channels before mixing the plurality of audio signals;
- (d) designating a listening mode; and
- (e) directly outputting the read audio signals read from the selected track of said recording/reproducing device while bypassing said ~~mixing device~~ processing when the listening mode is designated, and outputting the read audio signals read from the selected track of said recording/reproducing device via said ~~mixing device~~ processing when the listening mode is not designated.

Claim 6 (currently amended): A recording mixer, comprising:

- a recording device that records a plurality of audio signals in a plurality of tracks;
- a track selector that selects a track of said recording device;
- a reader that reads audio signals of the selected track of said recording device;
- a processing device that executes at least one process of equalizing, volume adjustment[[,]] and effect addition on ~~the read~~ a plurality of audio signals from a plurality of input channels before mixing the plurality of audio signals;
- a designator that designates a listening mode; and
- ~~an output controller~~ a monitor output controller that directly outputs the ~~read~~ audio signals read from the selected track of said recording device without going through said processing device, so as to listen to the audio signals recorded on the selected track themselves when the listening mode is designated, and outputs the ~~read~~ audio signals read from the selected track of said recording device by ~~with~~ going through said processing device when the listening mode is not designated.

Claim 7 (currently amended): A recording/reproducing mixer, comprising:
a recording device that records a plurality of audio signals in a plurality of tracks;
a track selector that selects a track of said recording device;
a reader that reads audio signals of the selected track of said recording device;
a processing device that executes at least one process of equalizing, volume adjusting[[,]]
and effect adding on ~~the read~~ a plurality of audio signals from a plurality of input channels before
mixing the plurality of audio signals;
a first designator that designates a direct listening mode;
a second designator that designates a processed listening mode; and
~~an output controller~~ a monitor output controller that directly outputs the ~~read~~ audio signals
read from the selected track of said recording device without going through said processing device
when the direct listening mode is designated, and outputs the ~~read~~ audio signals read from the
selected track of said recording device by ~~with~~ going through said processing device when the
processed listening mode is designated,
wherein the audio signals recorded on the selected track can be directly listened to in the
direct listening mode, and the audio signals processed by the processing device can be listened to in
the processed listening mode.